

Medical Direction Committee
Marriott West - Richmond, Virginia
July 10, 2008
10:30 am

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
James Dudley, M.D. – Chair Sabina Braithwaite, M.D. Bill Hauda, M.D. Stewart Martin, M.D. Mark Franke, M.D. Asher Brand, M.D. Alan Yee, M.D. Theresa Guins, M.D. Cheryl Lawson, M.D. Scott Weir, M.D.		Gary Brown Scott Winston Michael Berg Greg Neiman Chad Blosser George Lindbeck, M.D.	

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:43 am	
II. Introductions	Dr. Lindbeck was introduced as the State Medical Director. Members of the Committee and guests introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the April 10, 2008 Minutes and made the following changes: Under Members Absent section Dr. Joanne Lapetina is listed twice Under Item 5. <i>Old Business</i> , e. “Bon Secours Barbour View” should be “Harbor View” Dr. Braithwaite asked a question about Item # 14 and stated she had not received the data. Dr. Dudley agreed to move this as an item under Old Business for reconsideration.	Motion By: Dr. Stewart Martin to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by: Dr. Mark Franke Vote: Unanimously approved as corrected
IV. New Business	a. Comments – EP&R Interim Deputy Director – William R. Nelson, M.D., MPH Dr. Nelson was not present. Gary Brown informed the Committee that Lisa Kaplowicz has taken the position of Health Director for Arlington and Dr. Nelson has accepted the Interim Position. b. Subcommittee for Virginia Scope of Practice – Meeting has been set for July 29, 2008 10:30am at the Technology Park Office of OEMS. Tom has sent out documents for that meeting. The MDC requested that the e-mail from Tom to the Subcommittee for Virginia Scope of Practice be sent to the entire MDC. Please forward any comments to Dr. Lindbeck by the 28 th .	

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	<p>Discussion continued about the focus and goals of this Committee and Dr. Yee asked if the Committee make-up was correct and asked if there should be an agency representative or Fire Chief. Dr. Dudley stated that he will follow-up with Tom about this.</p> <p>c. MDC Position Paper on Virginia Scope of Practice – There was discussion about how to get information out to the field about the plan for the Virginia Scope of Practice.</p> <p>d. Statewide and Regional STEMI Initiatives Discussion- Dr. Lindbeck discussed the integrated scheme for STEMI care. There was a meeting on June 16th to discuss implementation in Virginia. From the EMS perspective he would like to put together a “toolkit” for EMS to address regional and local protocols on STEMI care.</p>	
V. Old Business	<p>a. AHA/VDH Stroke Systems Plan Update Keltcie Delamar has sent information about this.</p> <p>b. Certified Professional Midwives Program Subcommittee status - Warren Short and Connie Purvis are on the committee to help identify training and education for EMS to help integrate the CPM into the EMS care team when they are called. Dr. Linbeck has volunteered to assist with this.</p> <p>c. Answer to Dr. Braithwaite’s Question. Dr. Braithwaite’s had requested data be sent to her. . The Office will follow-up on the status of her request.</p>	
VI. ALS Training Funds & Accreditation Update	<p>a. Chad Blosser discussed the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Training Funds (EMSTF) – Chad discussed this new process. 2. <i>Advanced Life Support Training Funds Summary</i> a copy was distributed to the committee. 3. <i>Accredited Training Site Directory</i> – a copy was distributed to the committee. 	
VII. ALS Programs Issues	<p>a. Greg Neiman advised that as of July 1, 2008 Intubation has been removed from both the written and practical exams for the Enhanced Provider. This required changing 5 questions on the written exam.</p>	
VIII. BLS Programs Issues	<p>a. Greg Neiman discussed the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMT Instructor Institute June 14-18, 2008 - 16 Candidates attended, 11 regular candidates and 5 Fire Instructors. 15 were certified and 1 received Conditional Instructor status. 2. EMT-Instructor/ALS Coordinator Updates – Last Update was June 14, 2008 and had around 50 attendees. Next Update is scheduled at VAVRS Convention in September. 3. EMT Instructor Practical Exam – Next test is Saturday, July 12, 2008 in the REMS Council. The Office has about 20 candidates scheduled to take the exam. 4. Next EMT Instructor Institute is scheduled for September in the Lord Fairfax Area. <p>b. Dr. Dudley handed out information from the EMS Instructor Credentialing Committee for review and comment. If you have any questions or concerns please forward them to Greg</p>	

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	Neiman to take back to the EMS Instructor Credentialing Committee. Dr. Brand asked if there was any way to obtain feedback from the students on the quality of their Instructors. MDC asked Randy Abernathy and PDC to look at the ability of the Office to withhold test results until students complete a survey about their course and instructors.	
IX. State OMD Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Lindbeck discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Already spoke about STEMI earlier b. OMD Course – Had a meeting this morning regarding this issue. Still have 250+ who have not taken the course. The Office is planning a 1 year variance of this requirement to allow time to complete the course. A variance may only be granted for up to 1 year and cannot be repeated or extended. Michael Berg discussed the variance and considerations in providing this course online. There was a request to contact the agencies also if their OMD has not completed the course. The go live date for online course is hopefully January 1, 2009 but sooner if possible. 	
X. Regulation & Compliance Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Michael Berg discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OMD Course – see above. 2. At the last meeting Michael Berg had volunteers to look at the new proposed EMS Regulations, need something to go to the Attorney General's office as soon as possible. Need information no later than August 15th. Dr. Dudley requested that Michael Berg send the section via e-mail to MDC for review and comment. The big issue dealt with authority; should it be further defined? 	
XI. Regional Council Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jeff Meyer updated the MDC on the Process Action Team (PAT) and what they have been accomplishing. The PAT has tasked the councils to review and make a presentation on August 20, 2008. The question came up as to why this process is going on and why are the Councils being proposed for rezoning? Dr. Guins stated she thinks it may be related to the study that was completed, which recommended some consolidation to help standardize items across the state. Debbie Akers asked the Committee if they had any physicians in their areas who are stating that their Enhanced providers will continue to intubate. 	
XII. 2008 MDC Approved Meeting Date	October 16, 2008 location will be the Marriott West – Innsbrook in Richmond.	
XIII. Public Comment	Dr. Lawson asked about the datasheets that had been distributed that covered I.O. and Epi-Pens. Jeff Meyer made a presentation regarding the PEMS EpiPen Jr. Project and handed out their results. Dr. Dudley asked the committee to review and comment on the MERP Guide and consider it at the next meeting.	

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XIV. For the Good of the Order	None	
XV. Adjourn	Motion by Stewart Martin to adjourn at 12:42pm	